Survey for oil in collaboration with Oil Company from USA

502. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to conduct survey for oil in the country in collaboration with some oil company of USA;

(b) if so, the name of the oil company proposed to undertake survey in the country;

(c) the States where the said survey is proposed to be undertaken by the said oil company; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) At present there are no plans to entrust the work of oil survey in the country to any US company. However, under the liberalised policy of Government to attract private investment in oil sector Government of India has been offering blocks to private companies for exploration of oil and gas from time to time. M/s. Albion International Resources and Vaalco Energy Inc, are the two US Companies which form part of the consortia which have recently signed contracts for exploration of oil and gas.

Production of oil

503. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a jump in oil production is expected during 1994-95 as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 13.2.95;

(b) if so, what was the indigenous oil production in the country during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 with reasons for decline in oil output during each year, if any;

(c) what is the likely oil output during 1995-96 and in 1996-97 indicating separately contribution expected from ONGC, OIL and by the oil fields being developed by the private sector companies; and

(d) whether any new development schemes with latest oil technology in the Bombay offshore started production this year, if so, what are the details thereof scheme-wise and investment-wise and total estimated production of oil in Bombay region by the end of Ninth plan period and how far total demand is likely to be met by 1996-97 as compared to current oil demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The target of crude oil production during 1994-95 is 32.30 million tonnes against an actual production of 27.02 million tonnes in 1993-94 and 26.95 million tonnes during 1992-93.

The crude oil production scenario for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 is being reviewed keeping in view, inter-alia, the progress being made by the private sector in the development of discovered fields.

Four new development schemes/ projects have been completed in Bombay offshore during the year 1994-95. These are:—

— Additional Development of L-II

— Additional Development of L-III

— Neelam Field Development

— R-15A (South Heera Field)